



Bulletin # 2

# The Word - To Date (June 30)

Well, with the acquisition of a Guest of Honor, the Nolacon program settles down sufficiently for this second bulletin to appear. And at a sufficiently late date, too, you may remark.

To which we reply that we most heartily wish that YOU were arranging this convention. Additionally, or instead---just SOMEONE ELSE.

The Guest of Honor is Fritz Leiber. Besides being author of such acknowledged science fiction classics as Gather, Darkness, and Destiny Times Three, he is Associate Editor of Science Digest. He has informed us that the title of his talk is to be: "The Jet-Propelled Apocalypse."

In addition to this, Mr. Leiber is on record as intending to write us a skit. We have asked him not to make it too goshwowboyoboy, Bob Tucker informs us that there will be a heavy representation of the Press. And you all know how much they love to photograph beams and other "unnatural" things and tell the world that THIS IS SCIENCE FICTION FANDOM. So, however much he loves to sport-around his Buck Rogers costume with blaster, he has agreed just THIS TIME to put it off.

Would you, too, please? If the non-fan publishing field get a raised opinion of the stf-reading field, there will be better reading for all, fewer pot-boilers and more demand for GOOD science fiction. More and better authors will turn to the genre, and everyone will benefit. 10q

Other things and people that have come in since the first bulletin: Walt Sheldon has been called-up, is now in Korea, or thereabouts. So subtract one Sheldon from expectations. But add one Jack Williamson. One of the oldest science fiction authors in point of continuing authorship, he is still one of the best.

Two cover-nix for the Program-Booklet expected: one by N.C. fanne Fat Davis---she has done pro work, eg for Williamson's The Equalizer, in ASF---and one by Hannes Bok. May they vie with each other.

OOOps---this should have been first---THERE WILL BE NO HYDRACON in the foreseeable future. Not this year, maybe never again. This is from Judith Merz Pohl. Incidentally, she and her husband Fred Pohl will be here too.

If we have our way this will be pretty much of a moviecon. NO-NFS owns a 16mm projector with speaker. Under such circumstances we naturally solicit you to one and all bring all your films of a stf, fsy, or weird nature. Help us make it so. And--we know that it is a terrific financial risk, but people keep telling us that everyone leaps to the rescue of a con on the rocks---so we'll probably go ahead with our oldest ambition for OUR con. To have a full-length, grade-A picture each day, a science fiction one, a pure fantasy, and a weird. Negotiations are now going forward. We will very much appreciate any efforts, pull, abilities, pull, know-how, help, pull, cut rates, etc. that you and you can bring about, because that hall is going to cost us \$225.00.

Sorry to talk so poor-mouth, but we are spending money that we don't have yet. And that rent will take about all the money that we DO have now. We are going ahead with it, but we sure could use the money from the auction NOW. And what with the following.....

Before the Nycon, Chicon, and Denvention were Moskowitz, Tucker, and Wiggins accused of SLANTING the convention toward Baseball, because they scheduled games? Did fans write in and say they were coming only if the ACCENT were taken off THIS INTEREST INIMICAL TO ORGANIZED FANDOM? Did Hilty Rotman get writeups in fan magazines shouting AUX BARRICADES because he had a nuclear physicist as Goffi (who talked on this subject too, of interest to fans)? Did they say that the Philcon was to be over-half devoted to Rocket-Ballistics because Willy Ley was up for a talk on it? Lucky--or far-sighted--Ned McKeown. He didn't preview that Atomic Theory movie shown at the Torcon.

The Norwescon didn't preview their session on Dianetics. It was one of the two with the highest attendance. But it did not reveal much practical information. We were asked if we wouldn't "try to do better next year." And so we have. But apparently it was a mistake to say so, for.....

Now we have a dozen or so guys on record that they simply WILL NOT PLAY unless we agree to play it all their way. We can't have even one 1-2-hour seminar or they will stay away, and obviously they are not content to save their convention money, they must ruin the convention by convincing everyone else of their untruths and spoil it for them too. They started out by telling us that we didn't know what we were talking about, and that D was non-referent. This caused us to put the page addendum to the first bulletin. Then they really had a field day: saying that this PROVED we were out to make this the "First Dianeticon." One fanzine even went so far as to print that the Nolacon was to be over-half devoted to Dianetics.

So, be it categorically stated now that the Nolacon NEVER WAS slated to have more than 2 hours on Dianetics, or any other subject, except the auction. (Maybe the movies will add up to more.)

But now here we are with a lot of free-and-uncalled-for publicity--negative publicity. Naturally, it has us worried. These boys are having their good clean fun, but it is we who will have to pay for many deficit they may produce. No, with the amounts on hand at present it does not seem possible that such could occur, unless we get extravagant. But we WANT THOSE MOVIES--and the rental runs pretty high on some of them--unless, as mentioned, you can fix.....?

Why don't we simply agree to the deletion of the controversial item? Firstly, of course, because it IS controversial, and we have no indication whatever that the AGAINST boys are in the majority except that they say they are---that is, no indication at all. And secondly, because this is all nonsense. WE CAN'T DELETE IT. The conventions just don't work that way. Even if we WERE SURE that the majority of fandom, or the majority Nolacon membership wanted no session, we have no assurance that the convention assembly will be made up of this majority. You who COME are the convention, and are the ones who are to be pleased. Neither the committee nor any number of aforehand-kibitzers can prevent you from having anything you wish, that's obtainable, or force you to have anything that you don't want.

So please pass the word around, huh? And in view of the above, may we not most earnestly request you to get--after a friend or five to get in their Nolacon dollars? We need 'em---to make it the most fabulous convention ever. We want to.

Continuing the list of coming attractions, Sam Moskowitz, Authority on the subject, has consented to giving a talk dovetailing with EEEvans's on the history of science fiction fandom. Sam has furthermore released us

the MS of his monumental work The Immortal Storm. This is the record of science fiction fandom from its beginnings. Its background and aspirations, struggles and triumphs, disillusionments and defeats---all are in this masterpiece---undoubtedly, the greatest piece of fan-writing produced to date. Half of it is in the hands of Nolacon helpers at this writing: Bob Johnson, Mrs. G.M. Carr, Lionel Inman, and last but not least, Henry W. Burwell Jr. Since all except Mrs. Carr will be at the con, we need not mention the others; she is the secretary of the Nameless Ones of Seattle, WA. Volunteers are needed for the further task here. Would any more like to take part of the manuscript and mimeo it up in time for Henry Burwell to assemble it for the con? He wants to do it all alone....!

There will be ample supply of British science fiction magazines on sale at the Nolacon, thanks to Ken Slater. Issues of New Worlds: since No.7 inclusive, and all since No.1 Science-Fantasy. Several shipments already received.

Nelson Bond offers to lend us the film of one of his televised fantasies. We tried to get more. After what he told us, we tried to make it an all-Bond session. Just hope he's not offended at our grabbiness.. he also offered a bunch of originals and manuscripts for the auction.

So, by the way, has Frank Robinson. Several fine Paul originals in color have arrived.

That Fan Art, and that Fan Entertainment. We know we can always twist your arms at the last minute and have you give something extemporaneous into the microphone. But why not make it better by rehearsing something? Leibers' skit will surely be better for it even if it IS possible without... why not contact him and volunteer? Carbon to us, too, please. 10q. And how about something specific additional? Don't any others want to entertain? to wit?

And that fan art. Don't all you boys who run offset fanzines want to contribute the originals to our auction? Yes, naturally, you get a cut.

#### THESE DRIVING POOL ARRANGEMENTS

This year let us take the bit in our teeth, and try to be DYNAMICALLY helpful. It is our profoundest impression from extensive past experience, that the mostest thing that fan-riders do is renege at the last minute. Therefore, that a given car pool is now supposed to be full-up is utterly meaningless. Anyway, the worst that would ever happen would be a refusal. So here's the total known listing to date:

Definitely Driving and Desirous of Passengers:

Lynn A. Hickman, 408 West Pell St., Statesville, N.C.  
Henry W. Burwell Jr., 459 Sterling St., IE, Atlanta, Ga.

Definitely Driving, but Nominally Full: at Last Word:

Hal Stevens, 685 South 9th St., Coos Bay, Oregon.

Probably Driving, but Same:

Fredric Brown, Box 1394, Taos, New Mexico.  
Mack Reynolds, Box 1, Arroyo Seco, N.Mex.

Probably Driving: Sam J. Basham Jr. Fred A. Hatfield  
600 Gibson Avenue 7620 Abbott Ave.  
Lexington 17, Ky. Miami Beach, Fla.



NOLACON MEMBERSHIP --continued

Moved:

- 10. Wm. J. Griffith, Route 2, Box 249, Aurora, Oregon.
- 15. Anna Sinclair, care Stan Woolston, new address. Congratulations.
- 55. Pvt. Emile E. Greenleaf Jr., US 5404443, Co. F, 85th Infantry Regiment, 10th Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas.
- 59. George C. Smith, 88-09 35th Ave., Jackson Heights, New York, N.Y.
- 30. Mrs. George O. Smith, same.
- 92. Sidney Pat Mailloux, 5518 Wingate, New Orleans, La.
- 33. George W. Earley, 4807 Montgomery Lane, Bethesda 14, Maryland.
- 98. Lyell Crane, BM/LRFC, London WC-1, England
- 120. John H. Trapp, 1500-B Elm St., Amarillo, Texas.
- 125. Edward L. Bryan-Turner, care Y.M.C.A., Little Rock, Arkansas.

Additions Since Last Bulletin:

Lost Cpl. George M. Raybin, somewhere in Fort Sill, Okla.

- 130. James V. Taurasi, 137-03 32nd Ave., Flushing, New York.
- 131. Sam Humphreys, 1404 Washington St., Eugene, Oregon.
- 132. Gladys Humphreys, same.
- 133. Louis N. Crimmins, 2339 D'Abadie St., New Orleans, La.
- 134. J. P. Guinon, PO Box 214, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 135. Poul Anderson, 3423 Aldrich Ave. N., Minneapolis 12, Minnesota.
- 136. Pat Davis, RFD 1, Seven Springs, N.C.
- 137. Boris Weinstein, 418 Prospect St., Shreveport, La.
- 138. Sgt. Arthur A. McCourt, ER 38731648, care Mrs. E. H. Barnes, 520 West 8th Ave., Pine Bluff, Arkansas.
- 139. Cpl. George M. Raybin, see above.
- 140. Harold Friedrichs, 3933 Canal St., New Orleans, La.
- 141. John T. Brown Jr., 5143 Morse Ave., Skokie, Illinois.
- 142. Hal Annas, Box 181, Suffolk, Virginia.
- 143. Addie Huddleston, 1820 Logan St., Cincinnati 10, Ohio.
- 144. Nan Redcorn, 127 Kentucky Ave., South Clinton, Tennessee.
- 145. Joe Martino, RD 5, Warren, Ohio.
- 146. Henry W. Burwell Jr., 459 Sterling St. NE, Atlanta, Ga.
- 147. Bruce Ronald, 2015 South E St., Richmond, Indiana.
- 148. Charles J. Roubique, 5304 Wickfield Dr., New Orleans, La.
- 149. Paul D. Cox, 3401 5th Ave., Columbus, Ga.
- 150. Erle M. Korshak, 5525 Blackstone, Chicago, Ill.
- 151. Stanley C. Skirvin, 389 King Ave., Columbus 1, Ohio.
- 152. William H. Moore, 416 N. Beech St., Little Rock, Ark.
- 153. Capt. Kenneth F. Slater, 13 Cp. RPC, BAOR 15, care GPO, England.
- 154. C. L. Murray, Box 394, Jal, New Mexico.
- 155. Ken Beale, 115 East Nosholu Pkwy., Bronx 67, N.Y.
- 156. Sgt. Van H. Splawn, RA 17229538, Post Finance Office, Fort Benning, Georgia.
- 157. David A. MacInnes,
- 158. Pamela MacInnes, } Camp Robinson, BSA, North Longyard Road,
- 159. Goldberg Soda MacInnes, } Westfield, Massachusetts.
- 160. Nip MacInnes
- 161. Stanley E. Crouch, Holly Circle, Sterling, Va.
- 162. Bill Berger, 912 East 140th St., Cleveland 10, Ohio.
- 163. Chad Oliver, 1706 Nueces, Austin, Texas.
- 164. K. Martin Carlson, 1028 3rd Avenue South, Moorhead, Minnesota.
- 165. Margaret E. Morris, PO Box 247, Henderson, Tennessee.
- 166. Evan H. Appelman, 195 Laurel Ave., Highland Park, Illinois.
- 167. Judith Merril Pohl, 386 West Front St., Red Bank, New Jersey.

